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SUBJECT: NOUAKCHOTT - EMERGENCY ACTION COMMITTEE (EAC)
MEETING ON UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Classified By: Ambassador Mark Boulware for reason 1.4 (c)

1. (U) The EAC met on Thursday July 16, 2009, to assess the security situation for the upcoming election period. The first round of elections
2. (U) The EAC agreed that the elections will probably take place in a generally orderly fashion although it recognized the low probability but
3. (S) The DCM noted a recent YouTube video claimed to be from AQIM denouncing all the candidates but noted we had no credible information of
4. (C) EAC was advised by DCM that previous plans to send Embassy Officers to voting sites in Nema, Selibaby and Zouerate, as election monitors. Rosso -- traveling with LES staff.
5. (S) Peace Corps (PC) Director advised EAC that all current (approximately 72 in country) Nouakchott Peace Corps Volunteers (PCV's) will "stay"
6. (S) Ambassador requested RSO security recommendations for EAC for July 18th and 19th and was provided with the following:
 - Limit vehicular travel throughout Nouakchott during the election period.
 - Remain indoors (residence) or at the Embassy (if required to work) when possible, in order to limit your exposure.
 - Avoid areas south of Gamel Abdel Nasser Street where the Saudi Mosque, Moroccan Mosque, Labor Unions, and markets are located.
 - Avoid public and private school areas where polling sites are usually located.
 - Keep Embassy radios turned on and on hand at all times (and in vehicle if required to travel) in order to monitor RSO/Post 1 traffic.
 - Keep Post 1 and/or other embassy officers apprised of whereabouts.
7. (SBU) The EAC recommended issuance of a Consular Warden Message alerting U.S. citizens to the risk of spontaneous unrest during the election of the 16th.
8. (S) EAC was further advised by RSO of Police intent to provide security at numerous polling sites around the city, and that they (police) will
9. (U) The EAC determined that the present security posture for Post is adequate, and will continue to monitor events in Nouakchott.

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